

to Article 77 - Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

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35C. BOARD FOR GARRETT COUNTY.

(A) (1) AFTER JANUARY 1, 1977, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GARRETT COUNTY SHALL BE COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS. THE OFFICES HELD BY INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GARRETT COUNTY ORIGINALLY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1977, AND THEREAFTER ARE ABOLISHED.

(2) MEMBERS OF THE GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL HOLD OFFICE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS AND BE ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION OF 1976, AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER. EACH OF THESE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED FROM AND VOTED ON BY THE VOTERS OF THE COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS IN WHICH THEY RESIDE.

(II) TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION OF 1976 AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER.

(III) THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL SERVE AS AN EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBER WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.

(B) (1) NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GARRETT COUNTY, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, SHALL BE BY PETITION ENDORSED BY A MINIMUM OF 100 REGISTERED VOTERS FROM GARRETT COUNTY. EACH PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS OF GARRETT COUNTY NOT LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY WHICH IS 70 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER SHALL BE HELD, AND SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A \$25 FILING FEE. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, EACH PETITION SHALL CONFORM GENERALLY TO THE LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 33 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND. HOWEVER, PUBLICATION OF THE PETITION IS NOT REQUIRED.

(2) THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS OF GARRETT COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. PROVISIONS SHALL BE MADE FOR THE USE OF VOTING MACHINES, OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR THE USE OF PAPER BALLOTS. THE NAMES OF ALL CANDIDATES WHO HAVE BEEN DULY QUALIFIED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION FOR ELECTION TO THE SEVERAL BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICES, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF DEATH, SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE THE MEANS WHEREBY ALL REGISTERED VOTERS OF GARRETT COUNTY, IRRESPECTIVE OF